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Exodus 10:20

“But the LORD hardened Pharaoh’s heart...” Exodus 10:20

We have seen that anguish of spirit and cruel bondage can cause men to harden their hearts. (Ex 6:9). A deep sorrow or disappointment may also harden a person’s heart. (Job 6:10). Repetitive, willful sin will so gradually harden the human heart that its owner doesn’t even perceive what is taking place until it is too late and calamity has overtaken him! (Proverb 28:14; 29:1; Romans 1 & 2; Hebrews 3:13).

Surely the most grievous of all hardness of heart is when a person so loves their sin and is so determined to pursue their own course that the LORD leave them to themselves! Once the gentle wooing of the Holy Spirit has departed and His continual and kind pleading with the human heart is grieved away there remains only the ever darkening plunge into selfish pride. Pharaoh purposely set himself against the purposes of God. He resisted the word of the Lord and when confronted with the evidence that neither he nor his gods were supreme to Yahweh, he still refused to repent and continued headstrong to arrogantly defy the Living God.

Today, at the very first indication of the Holy Spirit’s displeasure with you, whether because of sin or attitude; stop, and allow Him to soften your heart in the goodness of the Saviour’s mercy and in the wisdom of the fear of the LORD!

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